

Prudence as well as nature require that you pay that honour to your parents that you expect your children should pay to you.

Exert yourself in doing good to all men, but more particularly attend the interest of your relations; and where you can do no good, be sure you do no hurt.

Keep a guard upon your words as well as upon your actions, that neither of them may be tainted with vice or folly.

Value good council above money, and apply yourself to learn while there is any thing left that you do not know.

Our minds must be cultivated as well as our plants; for the improvement of our reason makes us truly men, but the neglect of it transforms us into brutes.

Wisdom and virtue are the only permanent and inviolable goods.

It is possible to be a wise man without looking sour. Wisdom may make a man grave, but never morose or inhumane.

Shun a lie, as you would avoid sacrilege.

Delight in the company of good men, for it will give you a tincture of their manners.

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Take heed of the vices, that there may be no grossly mistaken vices, knavery, or of starvation and justice carry all the most substantial profit.

Let no man despair of success in prosperity.

Listen not to calumny repeat it.

Propose honest things for councils, and leave the

Rise early to your duties, and oblige good things, of which you find

Have a care of your reputation, more particularly of your character, as well as age, make

Love and honour kindness; for they are the most pleasing, and

Ennius, it is said, for crimes he had been guilty of, in his father's manner, example, became a great mischief done to the country.